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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement contained in the Office Action of November 18, 2003, applicant hereby elects claims 1-9 and 17-20 (Group I) and Species 1 (Figures 1 and 2) for continued prosecution in the above-identified application.

Applicant also requests that the application be amended as follows. Pursuant to current practice, all pending claims, including original claims, previously presented claims, withdrawn claims, currently amended claims, and previously amended claims, are presented below. Underlining indicates additions made herein, while deletions made herein are indicated by strikethrough.

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